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SUMMARY

1. (S) THE ALGERIAN CASE REMAINS AT THE CENTER OF A

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HEATED DEBATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, RULE OF LAW, AND BOSNIAN SOVEREIGNTY, WHILE RADICAL ISLAMIC GROUPS SEEK TO ATTRACT SUPPORT. THE GOVERNMENT'S TENTATIVE DEFENSE OF ITS ACTIONS HAS GIVEN OPPONENTS THE UPPER HAND IN THE DEBATE.

[REDACTED] WHILE BOSNIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO COUNTER-TERRORISM, THEIR PROGRESS ON INVESTIGATING AND CLOSING NGO'S IS POOR DUE IN PART TO INADEQUATE LAWS AND PROCEDURES. NONETHELESS, THE GOBIH NEEDS SOME TIME TO COMPLETE THESE INVESTIGATIONS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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ALGERIANS AT CENTER OF DEBATE

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2. (C) THE TRANSFER TO U.S. CUSTODY OF SIX ALGERIAN SUSPECTED TERRORISTS REMAINS AT THE CENTER OF A DEBATE RANGING FROM SERIOUS QUESTIONS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTIONS TO POLITICALLY MOTIVATED ALLEGATIONS OF U.S. AND/OR BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT WRONG-DOING. ALL OF IT IS EXTENSIVELY COVERED IN THE PRESS WITH MOST MEDIA CLEARLY ON ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER (REF A). PREDICTABLY, RADICAL ISLAMIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND CLERGY ARE USING THE DEPORTATIONS TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR THEIR EXTREME VERSIONS OF ISLAM, ALLEGING AN ANTI-ISLAM BIAS IN THE U.S. ACTIONS. SOME HAVE OPENLY CALLED FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AND/OR VIOLENCE AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS, SFOR, OR THE GOVERNMENT. WHILE CAREFUL TO DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM THE MORE RADICAL POSITIONS, THE OPPOSITION PARTY FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION (SDA), AND OTHER SMALLER BOSNIAK PARTIES, ARE USING THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE ALGERIAN CASE TO BURNISH THEIR ISLAMIC CREDENTIALS IN PREPARATION FOR THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS. THE SDA AND BOSS (BOSNIAK PARTY) HAVE CALLED FOR THE DISMISSAL OF BOSNIAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER. FEDERATION PRIME MINISTER BEHMEN HAS SAID THE GOVERNMENT WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS BEFORE THE FEDERATION PARLIAMENT FEBRUARY 8.

3. (C) THE STATE AND FEDERATION GOVERNMENTS' WEAK DEFENSE OF THEIR ACTIONS HAS CEDED THE LEAD ON THE DEBATE TO OPPONENTS OF THE DEPORTATION OR THE GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH BIH AND FEDERATION OFFICIALS AGREED AT THE JOINT BIH-IC WORKING GROUP ON TERRORISM (WG) JANUARY 22 TO TAKE A MORE FORWARD-LEANING APPROACH

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RESPONSE APPEARS HESITANT AND UNCONVINCING.

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GOVERNMENT PROMISES TO PRESS ON

4. (C) THE GOVERNMENT HAS VOWED, HOWEVER, TO CONTINUE ITS COUNTER-TERRORISM EFFORTS. AT THE JANUARY 22 WG MEETING, BIH OFFICIALS SAID THEY REMAINED COMMITTED TO THE WAR ON TERRORISM, AS A NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUE FOR BOSNIA. THEY VOWED TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS INTO CITIZENSHIP GRANTS MADE IN THE PAST. SEPARATELY, BEHMEN THREATENED TO EXPOSE SDA POLITICIANS FROM PAST

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ADMINISTRATIONS FOR IMPROPERLY EXTENDING BOSNIAN
CITIZENSHIP TO MUJEHEDIN, WHO WOULD FACE REVOCATION OF
ILLEGALLY ACQUIRED NATIONALITY.

MIXED PROGRESS ON NGO'S

5. (S) THE BOSNIANS HAVE ALSO SAID THEY WILL CONTINUE
INVESTIGATIONS INTO NGO ACTIVITIES IN BOSNIA. THEIR
PROGRESS IN THIS AREA HAS BEEN MIXED, HOWEVER, DUE IN
PART TO INADEQUATE LEGAL BASIS TO GO AFTER NGO'S AND
CONCERNS ABOUT LOSING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. OVER THE
PAST FEW MONTHS, BOSNIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ASSURED
EMBOFFS THAT THEY WERE INVESTIGATING NGO'S IN BOSNIA,
INCLUDING THOSE OF GREATEST USG CONCERN -- AL-HARAMAYN,
AL FURQAN, THE ACTIVE ISLAMIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION AND
THE SAUDI HIGH COMMISSION FOR RELIEF, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BOSNIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE
BEEN UNABLE, HOWEVER, TO DEFINE THE BASIS OR PROCEDURES
(LEGAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE) THAT WOULD BE USED TO SHUT
DOWN THE ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROGRESS HAS BEEN EXTREMELY
SLOW. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN EARLY DECEMBER LOCAL AUTHORITIES
CONDUCTED A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION AGAINST THE OFFICES THE
GLOBAL RELIEF FOUNDATION AND TAIBAH INTERNATIONAL, [REDACTED]
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6. (S) IN EARLY JANUARY, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID
THAT THE FEDERATION FINANCIAL POLICE HAD BEGUN
INVESTIGATING FOUR NGOS SUSPECTED OF MISUSING FINANCIAL
ASSETS TO FURTHER TERRORIST CAUSES -- AL-HARAMAYN,
BENEVOLENCE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, GLOBAL RELIEF
FOUNDATION, AND THE SAUDI HIGH COMMISSION FOR RELIEF.

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THE INVESTIGATIONS WERE TO BE CONCLUDED BY JANUARY 31, 2002. BOSNIAN OFFICIALS SAID THE GOBIH INTENDS TO REVOKE THE REGISTRATION OF NGOS FOUND TO BE ACTING IN VIOLATION OF THEIR CHARTERS, AND PNG FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND WORKERS OF THE NGOS. THEY DID NOT ADDRESS, HOWEVER, WHAT THE LEGAL BASIS FOR THEIR ACTIONS WOULD BE. SEPARATELY, BEHMEN RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD PROMULGATE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW GOVERNMENT CLOSURE OF NGO'S FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THEIR CHARTERS, AND DEPORTATION OF FOREIGN NGO OFFICIALS.

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